GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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ACCIDENTS IN COAL MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the accidents that took place in various coal mines in the country during the last three years company- wise and year-wise;

(b) the details of the incidents wherein the Court of Inquiry has been constituted during the said period; and

(c) the number of officers found guilty as a result thereof and the action taken against them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) : The details of accidents that occurred during the last three years (2004, 2005 & 2006) in the coal mines of subsidiary companies of Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) are given as under:

Company	No. of Fatal Accidents			No. of Serious Accidents		
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006
Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	16	15	8	183	114	92
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	11	12	11	70	61	45
Central Coalfields Ltd.	10	8	4	20	16	14
Northern Coalfields Ltd.	3	3	4	9	17	15
Western Coalfields Ltd.	13	11	13	63	44	56
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	7	14	7	97	87	66
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.	4	9	2	17	13	10
North Eastern Coalfields	2	1	0	0	2	1
Total CIL	66	73	49	459	354	299
SCCL	11	12	16	161	787	618

(b) & (c): During the last three years, the Courts of Inquiry under the provisions of Mines Act, 1952 have been constituted by the Govt. in the following two coal mine accidents:

Sl.No.	Date of accident	Mine, Area & Company	No. of fatalities
1	14-06-2005	Central Saunda, Barka Sayal Area, Central Coalfields Ltd.(CCL)	14
2	06-09-2006	Nagda mine of Bhatdih Colliery Western Jharia Area, Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL)	50

In case of Central Saunda mine accident, the Court of Enquiry has held following five officials of Central Coalfields Ltd. responsible for the disaster:

1. Shri Md. Tasleem, General Manager

2. Shri Umesh Sharma, Agent

3. Shri MK Martand, Manager

4. Shri AL Rajak, Safety Officer

5. Shri IDP Singh, Asstt. Manager

Necessary action will be taken by Directorate General of Mines Safety, Dhanbad under Ministry of Labour & Employment against the above mentioned officials as per the provisions of the Mines Act, 1952.

In case of Bhatdih colliery accident, action against the officers found guilty will be taken after the Court of Enquiry submits its report.